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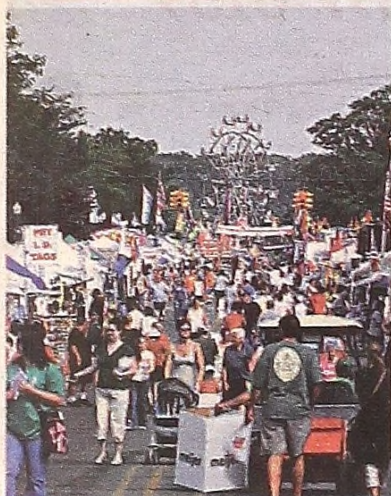
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The city celebrated Independence Day this year by having a fireworks celebration (right), and taking a group of children to see the animals at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. The trip was sponsored by Romulus Parks and Recreation.



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Newspaper facility tax tabled

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members voted not to act on a request for a facilities tax abatement requested by the Detroit Newspaper Partnership, the entity that publishes the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News.

After a 10-minute public hearing, council members voted to hold off on making a decision about the request pending a decision about the overhaul of the city points-based abatement guidelines.

Councilman LeRoy Burcroff said he felt waiting was the best course to take, mainly to make sure that all new applications for tax breaks meet the needs of the city.

"I guess I'm not sure why this came to us at this time," he said. He added that the city was looking at its policy on tax breaks, and that the partnership could come back once those decisions have been finalized.

John Morey, the circulation director of Detroit Newspapers, said the partnership could wait for those decisions to be made.

The partnership was deemed ineligible for an abatement within the current city guidelines last month.

Some of the guidelines used by the city include the amount of tax paid, the number of jobs provided or saved as a result of the tax break, and the number of years the company has resided in Romulus.

According to city documents, the partnership is asking for a 12-year abatement on improvements at the distribution location

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Club seeks new, young members

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Thanks to an anonymous \$1 million donation, Belleville will soon have a Boys and Girls Club.

Starting this fall, children ages 6-18 of the Van Buren Public School District will be able to enjoy the club activities after school from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Edgemont Elementary School. Buses will transport children to

the club during the school year. The membership is \$30 during the school year and \$20 during the summer.

John Juriga, who started a Romulus School District club about 10-years ago, said the Boys and Girls Club provides activities like sports, arts and health and life skills, as well as homework help.

"There's no way I'd be where I am today without the club," he

said. "They saved me when I was a kid, there's no question about it."

As a child, Juriga earned his membership by working in the coatroom of the club, he said, it eventually helped him through college and to become a teacher.

"This is my payback and in this case it's so easy. It's meant to be," he added.

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City backs tax plan for hotels

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The city is getting behind the concept of TURBO incentives.

At their regular meeting Monday, the seven city council members unanimously voted to support developer Ken Koza's ongoing efforts to revitalize a blighted area of Merriman Road by replacing the aged Ramada Inn with two new hotels.

The effort, which city officials believe is compatible with the Merriman Corridor project, will bring more than \$25 million in investment in the form of two new buildings and 140 jobs to the city.

Neil Silver, an attorney for Koza and his company, Romulus Investments, said using the Wayne County TURBO tax incentive program will temporarily deed the property to the county – removing it from city tax rolls for a short time – but will help the overall tax situation the city faces.

"We're taking a dilapidated, non-performing property and turning it into a performing one," he said.

The TURBO program was created to fill some needs municipalities have if they were not deemed "core communities" by the county, said Silver. Core communities were named several years ago, and are eligible for tax incentives to lure businesses. The City of Romulus did not pursue this designation, but the Turbo program should fill in some of the gaps, said Silver.

TURBO – which stands for Transforming Underdeveloped Residential and Business Opportunities – provides financial incentives for small and large businesses, and unlike tax abatements, are not limited to industrial companies.

Wayne County will provide businesses with one year without property taxes, and will provide up to 50 percent of taxes for five years.

The program was a result of the amendment of the Brownfield Redevelopment Act to include such projects.

The two hotels on the site,

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Ripe for change? Board deliberates fate of annual Strawberry Festival

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Despite the raucous behavior of a large crowd during the event, organizers are hoping the Belleville National Strawberry Festival will take place again next year.

Several residents expressed their opinions about the festival and reported lewd and violent conduct of some visitors to city officials recently.

Police Chief Gene Taylor had suggested canceling the festival altogether in response to the uncontrollable crowds of young adults on the grounds of Belleville High School.

"I could see more patrolling on the streets, but not canceling the event," said resident June Brokos. "It just shows that we can be terrorized."

"I'm an advocate of moving the festival to Van Buren Park," said resident Ruth Bleeker. "There's plenty of room, there's shade and it's a spacious, beautiful park."

Calvin Whitmore, who lives on West Columbia Street, said he's also in favor of moving the festival. He said it's not working for the residents.

"My property and trees were ruined, there was trash everywhere and even my cat was injured. I had to take it in for surgery," he said. "People are disrespectful. This is interfering with our pursuit of happiness."

Joan Bodnar, executive director of the festival, said as far as she's concerned, the Strawberry Festival will be happening next year.

"Canceling the festival would be unfortunate for the city. This event is nationally known and draws so many people to Belleville for a weekend of family fun," she said. "We will be addressing the concerns and submitting it to the city council and, hopefully they will give their support."

On Main Street, Bodnar said there were absolutely no problems. Advertisers and sponsors have all responded positively.

"Whatever happened at the high school is unfortunate," said Bodnar. "We need to come up with a strategy and it will most likely be more security."

"Moving the event could be strictly moving the carnival," she added. "The vendors and entertainment are best for Main Street."

Residents also questioned if the downtown businesses benefit during the event. City Manager Walter Mears said many have reported a significant impact, like theft and high costs. However, Bodnar said she received nothing but positive feedback from business owners, as well as the vendors.

"There will always be some negative feedback," she said.

Harold Webster, owner of Goofy's Car Wash on Main Street said he lost \$3,500 during the festival. Brian Loranger, a chiropractor on West Columbia, said he knows what to expect every year, but something needs to be done.

"The city gets nothing from the festival and we put up with all this," said resident Cornell Anton. "If we're going to have a festival it needs to be beneficial to the town. We could move it, have the businesses open

and have the best of both worlds."

The festival is not a revenue-generating event. Funds made offset the expenses, according to Bodnar.

"What about putting the issue to a vote to the citizens," said Brokos. "What would it take to bring it to our 4,000 citizens?"

City Clerk Diana Kollmeyer said the city council would have to approve putting it on the ballot or as a signature petition initiative. It would take 5 percent of the registered voters—about 150 signatures—to be put on the next ballot.

Taylor said there are alternatives to consider.

"Let the strawberry festival board meet. Give them a chance to adjust the problem and look at it," he said.

"A lot of intruders are coming into our city and destroying something that's been here a long-time," said resident Vera Howell. "I think the festival needs to be revamped. The flavor is gone."

Speed Gant, president of the Strawberry Festival board, said board members will come to an overall statement at the next meeting.

"We welcome any comments or criticism," he said.

The board will discuss the security of the carnival and other festival concerns at 6:30 p.m. on July 24 at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

*Canceling the festival would be
unfortunate for the city.*

Joan Bodnar
Executive Director

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Young cancer victims treated to Tigers' game

Tanya Wildt
Staff Writer

After a ride in a limousine to a Detroit Tigers game, time in a suite at Comerica Park and a chance to meet famous players, a rained out game didn't faze seven little boys and their parents on June 27.

The event, called "Take Me Out to the Ball Game Day," was together by Camp Casey, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The organization provides a cost-free series of one-day retreats for children with cancer and their families.

At the park, the children were treated to free t-shirts, a visit with Tigers catcher Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez, a surprise visit from Hall of Famer Al Kaline, and all the food they could handle.

"I think the kids felt as though they were V.I.P.," said Molly Melamed, the founder of Camp Casey. "Every minute they had something fun happening."

In the past, Camp Casey has mainly organized trips for kids to go horseback riding, but after Mike Maiman, the father of Camp Casey's Director of Public Affairs Lauren Mainman, donated a suite and Tiger Den tickets,

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game Day" went on to the next base.

Maiman originally offered the tickets as a Camp Casey fundraiser, but Melamed had other ideas. She told Maiman that she wanted to use them for her kids instead.

So Melamed contacted Starlight Entertainment and Limousine of Romulus and asked if they would like to be involved with the event. The company was happy to donate the use of their coach limousine.

"They were ecstatic about being involved," Melamed said.

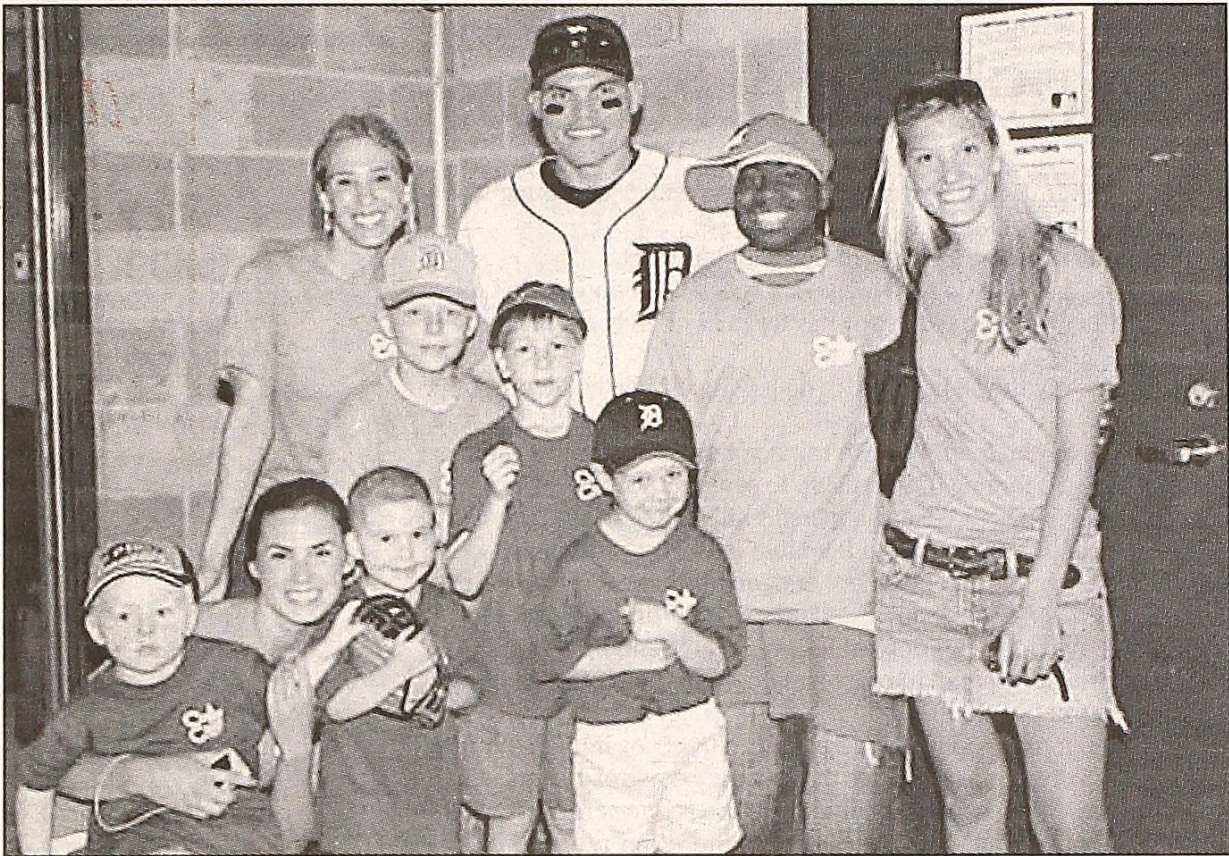
Joseph Brown, the office manager of Starlight Entertainment and Limousine, helped set up the partnership. He also went with the children to Comerica Park. He described the day as "spectacular" and felt that the donation was well worth it.

"The looks on their faces was payment enough," Brown said.

Through the event, the children were able to feel like celebrities and form friendships, according to Melamed.

Camp Casey's mission is to give families a break from cancer and this event was one of many the group has sponsored.

Melamed created Camp Casey four years ago when she was a 19-



Tigers catcher Pudge Rodriguez poses with a group of children and volunteers from Camp Casey.

year-old student at Michigan State University. She was inspired by a little girl, Casey Foot, who had bone and brain cancer and was impacted by horses.

Melamed originally only planned for a one-day event to

take place, but the program has grown. This year, Camp Casey will host five retreats. Along with therapeutic horseback riding opportunities, Camp Casey will also offer a day for little girls and their mothers to be pampered; including getting their nails done.

Camp Casey is currently looking for donations for this and any future events. Donations enable the program to conserve resources.

More information on the program can be found at www.camp-casey.org.

News in brief

"Party" announced

The Romulus Historical Society and the Historical Commission members are organizing a "Party in the Park" event.

The part will take place at 6:30 p.m. on July 18 at the Romulus Historical Park, located next to the U.S. Post Office on Hunt Street. On exhibit will be a large composite photo of Romulus High School graduates. A tour of the Kingsley House and a 1949 caboose will also take place. Music and refreshments will be available.

For more information, call Pearl Varner at (734) 697-9628.

Mayor will host golf outing

The Mayor's Drug Task Force Golf Outing will be tomorrow at Gateway Golf Club.

The event will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch and dinner will be served.

The Mayor's Drug Task Force is a non-profit organization comprised of business and civic leaders. They have accepted the on-going mission to keep the community drug-free and children safe from the harmful effects of substance abuse.

The Gateway Golf Club is located at 33250 Gateway Dr., in Romulus.

For more information or to register call Romulus Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Irwin at (734) 955-4123.

Chamber hosts upcoming golf event

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual golf outing on Aug. 23.

The golf outing supports year-round activities that assist businesses in the area. The event will take place at the Woodlands of Van Buren golf club, which is located at 39670 Wayne Road in Van Buren Township.

To register, or for more information, call the chamber at (734) 893-0694.

Summer reading program continues

The Romulus Public Library summer reading program is ongoing. The program will run until July 31. Several activities will take place at 1 p.m. on the following dates:

July 17 - Chris Measzros, the man of 1,000 voices, presents, "It's a Mystery";

July 25 - The Super Science Program will provide experiments for students; and

July 31 - Awards presentation for students who read the most.

For more information about the summer reading program, call the Romulus Public Library at (734) 942-7589.

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at 6911 Metroplex St.

The total investment would equal slightly more than \$1.2 million, and the measure would bring about 60 jobs to Romulus, according to the proposal. It's unclear whether these would be new jobs, or transfers from other facilities.

One the reasons the partnership may have been denied their initial request was because they are leasing the facility, officials said. However, Morey said the partnership pays property taxes

even though they don't own the building.

"As part of the terms of the 15-year lease, we're responsible for the property taxes," he said.

Tim Keyes, the economic development director for the city, said the city has had several meetings about abatement policies.

"We've met and discussed abatements, but no decisions have been made yet," he said.

Keyes added that although it's within the council's authority to grant abatements for any reason, he feels another formula will be put into place that will be applied to all applications.

"Clearly, the council is com-

fortable with having guidelines in place," he said.

Keyes said it's unclear if any new guidelines would benefit Detroit Newspapers. The partnership has until November of this year to secure an abatement.

The council decided to take a look at its abatement guidelines at the urging of Keyes, who said the present policy is in need of updating, and should be more favorable to new businesses that are capable of bringing jobs and a tax base into the city.

Tax abatements are tool put into place by the Sate of Michigan to assist struggling industrial companies. A local municipality can grant them for up to 12 years.

Club

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Juriga said it was a struggle to get a Belleville club going at first, but once the anonymous township resident donated the funds, he went straight to the school district.

"I was so excited because the money was always a stumbling

block," he said. "In five years, though, we'll need more money. I'm hoping to get more local donations."

Pete Lazaroff, superintendent of the school district, said this is a wonderful opportunity for the students of the Van Buren Public Schools.

"We have looked into this in the past, however, the issue of funding has prevented us from moving forward until now," he

said. "We hope to promote the club during August and September to start serving in October."

Club Director Jill Covell said the Romulus School District clubs have more than 741 members.

"It's safe, after-school fun for kids," she said.

"Peer pressure is a negative, but this is something positive. The club sells itself," said Juriga.

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which will be a Holiday Inn and a Springhill Suites, will have more than 250 rooms, and will create about 140 new jobs in the city.

Councilman John Barden said he liked the fact that the property would be fully-taxable after the TURBO period ended, and that moving forward would mean new jobs.

"I really like the sound of the new jobs," he said.

Tim Keyes, economic development director, said he believed approving the program would mean good things for Merriman Road, which officials hope will be a business Mecca in the city. He said some businesses in the area have indicated that they're glad the new hotels are going up, and that their property values should go up as a result.

Concern about Merriman Road - and whether the city is maximizing it's potential as a business center - prompted the city to create beautification projects to make the thoroughfare

more appealing to developers and businesses, officials said.

Councilman William Wadsworth said he was concerned the approval of the project would open the door to businesses opening up shop without council input.

"I want to make sure this approval is only for this project," he said. "We don't want people coming here to set up businesses we may not want."

Keyes said applications for TURBO incentives will have to seek support from the council individually.

OPINION

Choice is important, too

Voters in Van Buren Township should remember one thing when they head to the polls on Aug. 7.

There's no debating the importance of public safety.

They'll be asked to do two things in a special election on that date: renew the 3-mill levy they already pay for public safety and increase it to 4 mills.

Unfortunately, they'll be asked to do it with a single ballot question, not two.

That's our problem with it. We think voters should reject the proposal, effectively forcing the township to separate the issues in another special election before it can adversely affect their budget.

The goal of the proposal is a laudable one. The additional money will help bolster the public safety budget, allowing the township to enhance services to residents, speed up response times and more.

It would allow the fire department to add a 'round the clock duty crew by putting personnel into fire station #1 in the south and filing a four-hour gap at fire station two.

It would put more police officers on the streets by implementing a five-zone patrol system to replace the three-zone patrol system, which would increase police visibility and therefore reduce crime. It would also allow police to be more proactive rather than reactive and to implement special investigations units for narcotics, home invasions and other major crimes.

That's all well and good, but in this day and age we believe that the residents should dictate the level of service they receive, not the government.

This issue should have been split into two questions, one requesting a renewal to continue to pay for existing services, and one requesting the additional mill to pay for enhanced services. By combing the two, officials aren't really giving residents much of a choice, it's all or nothing, and we don't think that will play well with voters.

We are not arguing against the importance of these services, nor the laudable goals from both departments. We think they're necessary in a growing community like Van Buren Township. They'll be needed eventually. We're just not sure that this is the time to ask for them, nor the way to go about it. Voters should have more choice in the matter.

Winds of change are blowing

Another settlement deal was agreed to last week in the Wayne Ford Civic League case when a second ex-official of the charitable organization agreed to pay restitution to it.

Hopefully, this will serve as a punctuation mark on an ugly chapter in the story of the league, and serve as the final gust of wind to disperse any lingering black clouds that may hover over it.

It's time to move on.

Vic Barra and the new members of the board have worked toward restoring the reputation of the charity, which sponsors youth sports teams and contributes money to a number of worthy causes.

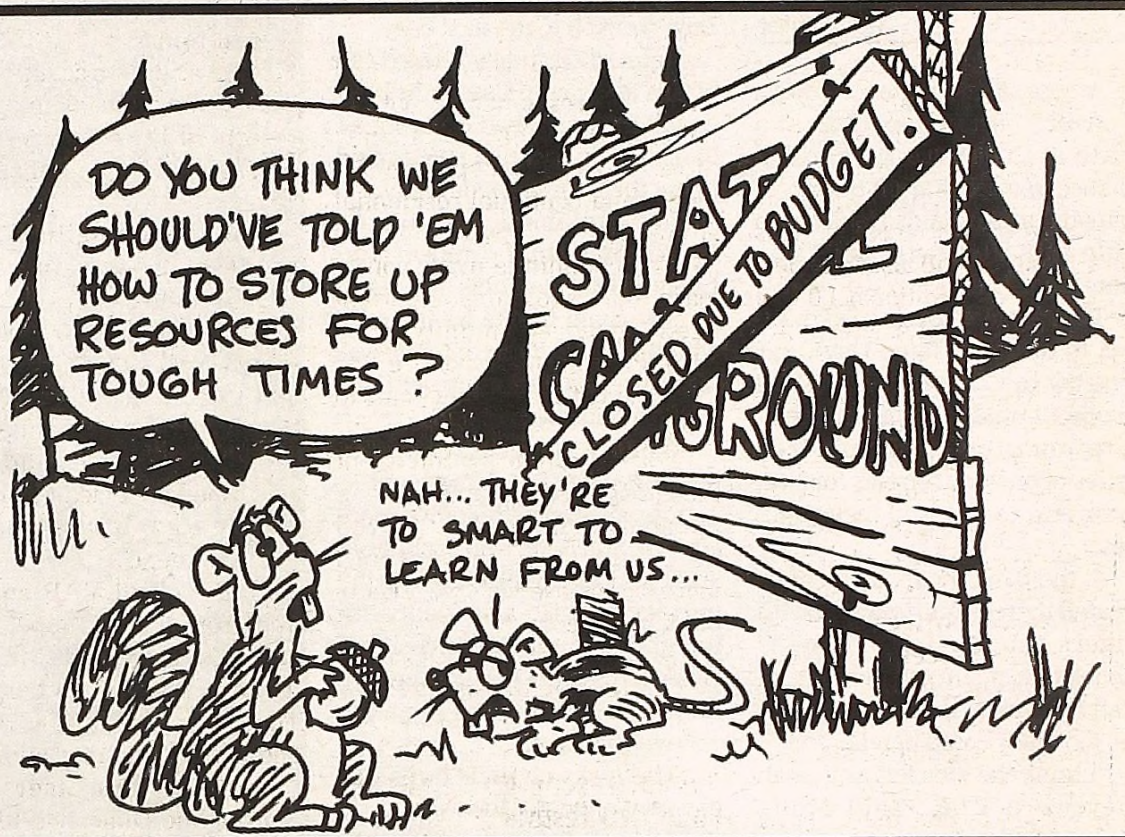
They've brought back their state-approved bingo license. They've got the community to gradually embrace the facility again.

Even so, he is subjected to character assassinations virtually every time he has to go to the city council to have a special event approved.

It's time for that to stop.

With the right leadership and direction, the Wayne-Ford Civic League can be a major contributor to the greater Westland Community. That's as long as both sides want to stop picking fights with each other and allow the league to grow and be as successful as Barra says he wants it to be.

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Just fill in the blanks

Dear Mr./Ms: _____

Congratulations on your appointment Tuesday night as the president of the Northville Public School Board.

I am sure you are well-qualified for the position and will do a capable job of guiding the board through the difficult year ahead.

I'm writing this a day before the board convenes to elect new officers. I'm not sure who they will be, even though right now I could find out with a call. The decision has already been made—and probably finalized when the results of the May school board elections were certified.

Those who are not familiar with the process should expect a brief process, unanimous votes and plenty of platitudes.

That's OK, too. This is one of those rare political processes that plays out best behind the scenes, rather than in front of the cameras and everyone. These people have to work together for the next two years and tackle some difficult subjects—there's no room for hurt feelings to get in the way.

It plays into something I've heard often at recent Northville School Board meetings: concern about the lack of disagreement—or even a negative vote—among school board members.

Residents have walked away, shaking their head and wondering if their concerns have been heard after they've given impassioned pleas about the fate of one of the teachers who was laid off, or the ongoing non-negotiations with the teachers' union, or

the study of privatization of some services.

In some cases, they're right.

When these issues come up for discussion at the board level, the talk is usually more explanatory than anything else, as various members of the board describe what has brought them to that particular point.

This doesn't mean, though, that all these decisions happen around some coffee table before residents have a chance to weigh in on them in front of the cameras. Much of the background discussion takes place at subcommittee meetings, which are set regularly and frequently. It's the same in other districts, too.

There's a perfect example of this in the board packet for the July 10 Northville meeting. One agenda item outlined the regular school board meetings, another the subcommittee meetings—which are akin to study sessions in some municipalities.

The list of board meetings fits in a single neat, vertical row. The board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays for most of the year, but only once in July.

The list of subcommittee meetings is a little more complex—it's a horizontal spreadsheet complete with footnotes.

The board always listens to resident comments. They sometimes don't impact the decision—as in the case with the teachers—because there's sometimes no other alternative. That doesn't mean that they're a body of rubber-stampers impervious to the will of the community. They're just the opposite.

Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Big day for prep showdown

For those of us who live and die for the game of football, the season feels like an eternity away.

Before we all know it, players from four Journal-area high schools will take part in the single biggest football event—next to the state championships at Ford Field in Detroit—of their lives.

The Big Day Prep Showdown, staged at Rynearson Stadium at Eastern Michigan University, offers John Glenn, Belleville, Plymouth and Canton the opportunity to show the rest of the state what they are made of.

I don't think enough gets said about the event that kicks off the season on Friday, Aug. 24. The Detroit Metro Sports Commission (DMSC) deserves a standing "o" for putting an event like this together.

Formed in 2001 to bring regional, national and international amateur sporting events to metro Detroit, the DMSC continues to bring exciting match-ups to the Big Day Prep Showdown. In its third year, the event has already doubled in size. The now two-day event will consist of four games on

Friday and four games on Saturday.

Why is it so important?

First, the players will get a taste of playing on a university field. Unfortunately for most, it will be the only time. Second, regardless of it being the first game of the season when teams are likely to be a bit rusty and out of sync. But these are athletes—the higher the stakes the better the effort. Be prepared for all four Journal teams to bring their "A" game.

There's nothing like a big game to get the season rolling. The first game of the year is always a big game for high school teams. Add a giant stage like a college stadium and the event becomes monumental. Win or lose, it will set the pace for the rest of the season. Win a big game like that and there's nothing to hold a team back. Teams in that situation can ride the momentum all the way to the state champi-

From the cheap seats

by Jeff Novak

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LETTERS

Committee supports millage request

On Aug. 7, residents of Van Buren Township will be asked to vote on a Public Safety Millage which will renew an existing 3.0 mill, which currently provides the township with funds for police and fire protection. This ballot question will also include a request for an additional 1.0 mill to enhance emergency response services.

The Van Buren Township Public Safety Committee is a group of township residents who meet with the Public Safety Department leaders and township officials to discuss and evaluate special projects and funding requests for police, fire and emergency services. The committee is in full support of the request to renew the 3.0 mills and the approval of an additional 1.0 mill.

Please note that the existing levy that has previously been approved by the community and the renewal of 3.0 mills will preserve existing services. The additional 1.0 mill is a request to the electors to approve additional funds which will ultimately provide faster response service -

with even greater resources - to protect you, your family, and your neighborhood in the event of an emergency.

Our present fire, police and emergency resources are not sufficient enough for a community of our size, geographic challenges and continual residential growth.

The committee urges you to learn more about this important need for our community today which will also provide for expansion of services for years to come.

For more information about the millage and an explanation of the additional services that will be provided by the 1.0 mill increase, please visit www.keep-publicsafety.com.

Andrea L. Gornick
Chairperson, Van Buren Public Safety Committee

Animal rescue group thanks Strawberry Festival supporters

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue would like to thank everyone involved in helping FMAR with the Strawberry Festival.

Three dogs and four kittens were adopted at the Strawberry

Festival.

A special thanks all of the volunteers and supporters who helped to make the Strawberry Festival a success again this year. You braved the heat and humidity to help keep things running smoothly and the animals cared for.

The Startingline Diner fundraiser was incredible. People came from as far as Ann Arbor to support the shelter and have a great meal. Gaynor, Anya, and Donnie kept the customers happy and laughing while Aaron, Connie and Pete made sure everyone had a clean dishes and a table to enjoy the food and entertainment.

In the end FMAR collected \$750 from tips and a percentage of the day's proceeds. We couldn't have asked for a better day. Thank you so much to the Sheila and Steve Sexton for allowing us to host a fundraiser at the Startingline Diner and to everyone who came to eat and support Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue.

We look forward to doing it all over again soon.

Mary LaFramboise,
Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue

Showdown

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onship. Losing, although not the end of the world, isn't really an option.

Losing the first game of the season is like putting your underwear on backwards with both legs in the same leg hole. Once on, it's hard to move forward let alone turn things around. And when you do the fit is never really right.

So what can the rest of us do

to help make sure their teams aren't found in such a precarious situation? The easiest way is to show up and offer support—no pun intended.

Friends, family members, classmates, teachers, school officials should all be there to cheer their team on.

The players and coaches need to remember that it is the first game of the season and everybody starts out 0-0. Keep in mind that every team puts its pants on one leg at a time, too—no team is better than the other until the final whistle blows.

Change

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In the current economic climate in Michigan, communities should get together and support the various charities that try to help out those who need it and support those who take on the

difficult task of doing what most of us support with our lips—and sometimes our pocketbooks—but rarely our own time and energy.

We think the new league deserves a chance to make good on their promises, too. And, unfortunately, there are plenty of people out there that need the help.

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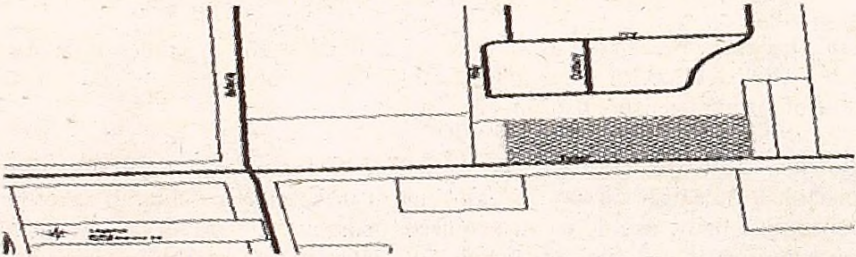
35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, Michigan 48184.

All letters will be considered for publication and may be edited for content, space and length.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
ORDINANCE 06-19-07
PROPOSED REZONING MAP

Second reading for adoption.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 6-6-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.



THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

- Section 1.** The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:
Ordinance Number 06-19-07
To rezone parcel: V125-83-039-99-0009-014 from R-1B (Medium density single family residential) to C-1 (General Business).
Legal Description of Property:
Parcel V125-83-039-99-0009-014 is located on the north side of Tyler Road between Belleville and Walden Boulevard.
- Section 2.** All Ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.
- Section 4.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Country of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the 2nd day of July, 2007.

Yeas: Clair, Rochowiak, Budd, Hart, Jahr, Payne and King.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 06-19-07 was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk
Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

Adopted: July 2, 2007
Effective: July 12, 2007
Publish: June 28, 2007
July 12, 2007

1954 PA 188 Proceedings
Notice of Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for
Kirkridge Park Cooperative
Street Lighting Assessment District

Charter Township of Van Buren
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE KIRKBRIDGE PARK COOPERATIVE AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and Treasurer of the Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by the Township covering all properties within the Special Assessment District for the **Kirkridge Park Cooperative Street Lighting Assessment District** benefited by the street lighting project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing a portion of the costs of the construction of the street lighting and work incidental thereto with the aforesaid **Kirkridge Park Cooperative Street Lighting Assessment District** as more particularly shown on the plans by the DTE Energy Company on file with the Township Clerk at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, which assessment is in the total of **\$6,713.54 / year**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Treasurer has further reported that the assessment against each and every parcel of land within said District, will be equal and the same for each and every lot in the Special Assessment District for the Kirkridge Park Cooperative Street Lighting District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Van Buren Township Board Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI on **July 17, 2007** for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner of party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Township Clerk Joannie D. Payne
46425 Tyler Road
Belleville, MI 48111

Publish: July 5, 2007
July 12, 2007

School board OK's move of regular elections

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Elections for the Van Buren Public School District Board of Education will now take place in November, along with the gubernatorial elections.

Board members approved the change recently because of cost-savings measures, officials said.

“Having candidates run during the normal November election time will save money,” said Paul Henning, spokesperson for the school district. “The new elections laws inadvertently made the costs so much extra when the state was trying to make it better, but it made it worse financially.”

Starting 2008, the school board elections will change from May to November

and take place each year for the four-year board member term. Trustees Toni Hunt and Keith Johnston's terms will expire, but because of the change will be extended for an additional six months.

Trustee Martha Toth said it never occurred to her that the election would cost more for Wayne County to oversee, but the school district can't justify having the election themselves.

“It's too expensive,” she said. “I still think it's a bad idea when the county runs it, I don't know why it costs so much.”

“What might save us from all this is absentee ballots,” she added. “It's hard because people work long hours and can't make it to the polls, but this could make for a cleaner election. The only benefit to the change in November will be saving

money.”

The cost for the school district to host an election is outrageous, according to Trustee Toni Hunt.

“The need was to get in line with something reasonable,” she said. “It costs us a

fortune. I don't necessarily like the fact of moving with a bigger election because a school election could get lost, but financially we have to move it to make it more fiscally responsible. We can't afford the luxury of an independent election.”

Fire department hosts open house

The Van Buren Township Fire Department will host an open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 21 at Fire Station 2, located on Belleville Road.

The event will include a car fire demonstration, a Jaws-of-Life demonstration, the educational smokehouse, the EMS bike team display, the dive

team display, fire extinguisher demonstrations, guided station tours, fire apparatus, police equipment display, food and more.

The rain date will be Aug. 4 with the same times and location. For more information, contact the fire department at (734) 699-8928.

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 17th, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact

- Property assessments can only be changed for :
1. Homestead exemption status.
 2. Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify under items 1 or 2 should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 17, 2007.

Joannie Payne, CMC
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: June 8, 2007
Publish: July 5, 2007
July 12, 2007

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR TAX ABATEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 6:45 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974 as amended, for Kreher Wire Processing, Inc. 34822 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

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This is an open meeting! All interested citizens are invited to attend, and will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. Written comments may be forwarded no later than July 23, 2007 at 12 o'clock noon to the attention of

City of Romulus
Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, MI 48174-1485

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: July 12, 2007

CITY OF ROMULUS CHAPTER 37, ARTICLE I WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to Amend the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances by the adoption of anew Section 2, (a), (e), (f), and (g) to Include and Provide For Updates In the State Statute and Testing Of Backflow Prevention Assemblies; and to Provide Penalties For Violation Thereof.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

- Section 1:** **SHORT TITLE:** This ordinance shall be known and cited as the City of Romulus Water and Sewer Ordinance.
- Section 2:** To Amend Chapter 37, Section 2 Subsection (a), (e), (f), to read as follows:

“Sec. 37-2. Cross-connections with public water supply prohibited.
(a) The City hereby adopts by reference the Water Supply Cross Connection Rules of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, being R325.11401 through R325.11407 of the Michigan Administrative Code, amended.

(e) The potable water supply made available on the properties served by the Public water supply shall be protected from possible contamination as specified by this section and by the state plumbing code. Any water outlet which could be used for potable or domestic purposes and which is not supplied by the potable system must be labeled in a conspicuous manner as:
WATER UNSAFE FOR DRINKING

(f) This section does not supersede the state plumbing code.

Section 3: To amend Chapter 37, Section 2, by the addition of a new Sub-section to be known as Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) All testable backflow prevention assemblies shall be tested upon installation to be sure that the device is working properly. Subsequent testing of assemblies shall be conducted on an annual basis as required by the City of Romulus and in accordance with the requirements of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Only individuals who are approved and certified by the State of Michigan shall be qualified to perform such testing. Such individual(s) shall certify the results of such testing to the appropriate state, local, or other lawful authority upon inquiry by such lawful authority.

Testable backflow prevention assemblies are defined as any assembly or device that prohibits the backflow of water into potable water supply systems and which are capable of testing to ensure their proper function.

Section 4: Saving Clause. Nothing in this Ordinance or in the Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or administrative body, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any causes of action acquired or existing, under any Act or Ordinance hereby repealed by this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 5: Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance be held in a manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such word, sentence, phrase or any portion of the Ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this Ordinance.

Section 6: Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 25th day of June, 2007.

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the Romulus City Council at its regular meetig held on the 25th day of June, 2007.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus

ATTEST: Alan R. Lambert, Mayor

Within forty-five days after the publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

Introduced: May 7, 2007
Adopted: June 25, 2007
Publish: July 12, 2007

Right on time

Construction continues at Wayne County Community College campus

Tanya Wildt

Staff Writer

Construction is on schedule and on budget at the western campus of Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD).

The campus, located in Van Buren Township, is currently

undergoing renovations which include a new Educational Multipurpose Center.

The new building is being erected at a cost of \$12.75 million and is scheduled to be complete in June of next year. Construction is moving along well according to Martha Grier, assistant to the chancellor for special programs.



Workers are right on schedule with the renovations and expansion at the Wayne Community College Western Campus in Van Buren

“The major portion of the construction is up,” Grier said.

The Multipurpose Center will add an additional 43,000 square feet to the campus and enable the college to service 50 percent more students. It will feature 12 new classrooms and eight new hi-tech laboratories.

“It’s a major addition to the campus,” Vidya Moorthy, spokesperson for WCCC said.

Students and college visitors can also look forward to the addition of a student services center on campus. This location will house offices, including the all important financial aid, and will help the college consolidate student services, Moorthy said.

The campus parking lots are also being expanded and the project includes construction of two new lots located on both sides of the existing building.

The bookstore will be moved from the current location to a larger one down the hall.

Another change in store for WCCC students is an expanded food court area.

The expansion of the campus is the key to future growth at the college. The western campus is the fastest growing in the district, according to Moorthy.

That continued and projected growth plays a large role at the college where the goal is not only to serve students, but the commu-



The expansion will add a new Education Multipurpose Center to the campus with conference rooms available for the community to use.

nity as well. The school wants to continue meeting the unique needs of the community and giving back to it, Moorthy said.

The Multipurpose Center is one aspect of this goal.

“This is a great public resource,” Moorthy said of the new building. The public will be able to use things, such as conference rooms in the center.

College officials are planning to provide all of these new options while continuing to offer an environment that is conducive to learning and personal growth, while remaining affordable and accessible to all, Moorthy added.

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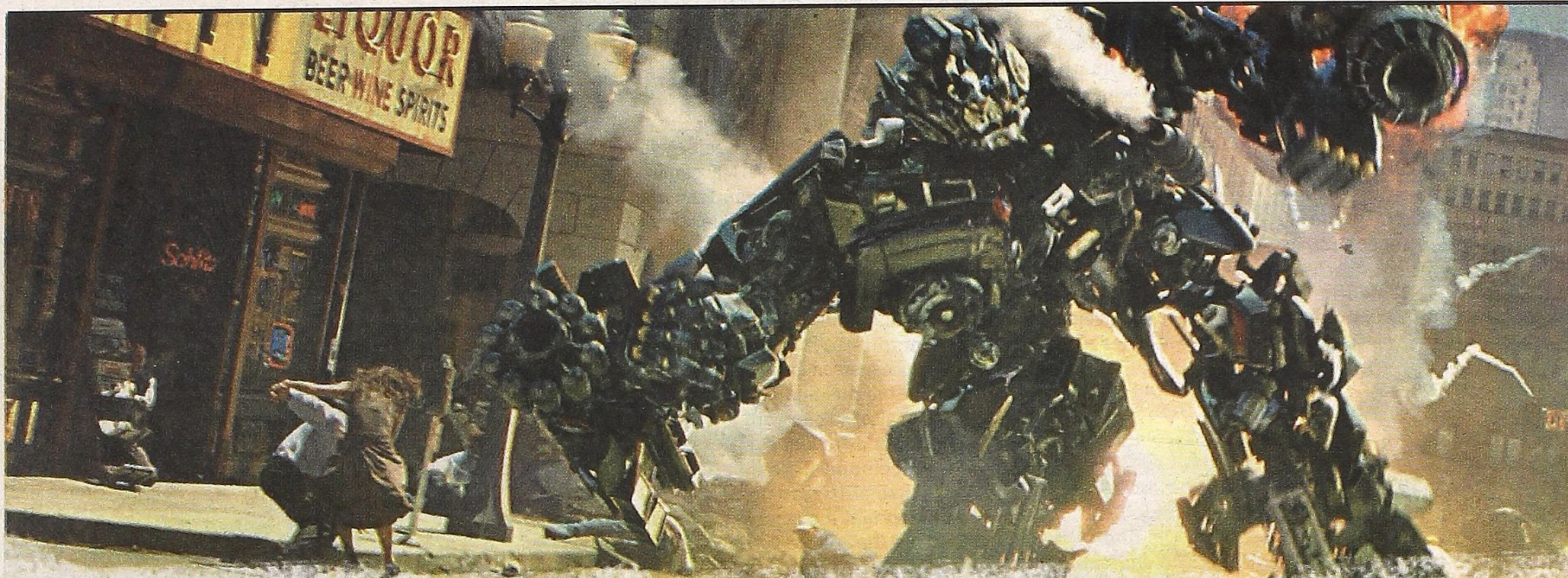
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THE SCENE



It's nothing but
action in new

TRANSFORMERS

Reviewed By
Jeff Novak

Renowned action director Michael Bay's direction of *Transformers*, released early last week, gives new meaning to the theme song line, "Transformers, more than meets the eye."

It's actually more than the eye can handle.

I'm sure sitting in the third row of the nearly sold-out show last Tuesday night didn't help, but the action scenes, which made up 90 percent of the film, were way more than my aging eyes and mind—lagging from summer blockbuster delirium—could keep up with.

Every scene seemed cluttered and too fast. From multiple computer-generated robots simultaneously transforming with explosions, tumbling debris, missiles, cars and people happening all at once, there was too much to take in. The action hemorrhage completely overloaded my cerebral activity, lending to a near sleepless night as it felt like I was trapped in the movie. Of course the explosions from my neighbors' over abundance of fireworks didn't help either.

But that's just me.

The X-Box, Play Station and Nintendo generations won't have a problem keeping up since watching the *Transformers* is like playing a video game minus the controls.

That's where Bay comes in. He is probably one of the best action directors of this generation and proves it with this release. Although cluttered at times, Bay packs as much action into each scene as humanly possible. He substitutes the traditional three-act play for, well, his own version: action, action and more action. That leaves little room for anything else, though.

From the time you sit down to the time you leave it is a non-stop thrill ride. For those of us who remember and were astonished by the original "Transformers" cartoon series in the 80s, it is enjoyable to see them come to life. Well, as close to life as computer animation will get them, which is pretty darn close. It amazes me that the older I get the more awed I am by today's technology, especially in movies. The technology here is mind-boggling and the way it is used to make the computer-generated characters appear as life-like as their human counterparts darting around on the green screen is an amazement.

Those who don't know of or remember the television show or the Hasbro toys are in for a treat.

Earth is the battleground between two sets of warring alien robot races—the Autobots and the Decepticons.

The Autobots, led by Optimus Prime—a fearsome semi-truck when not a fearsome battle robot—come to Earth to protect the human race from the Decepticons led by Megatron.

Caught in the middle of the war is Sam Witwicky, played by rising star Shia LaBeouf, whose grandfather made an unlikely discovery in the 1930s while en route to the Arctic Circle. Sam holds the one key, his grandfather's eyeglasses that are imprinted with encrypted code, which would lead the Decepticons to their leader. Sam puts the glasses on the auction block on Ebay to get money to buy his first car.

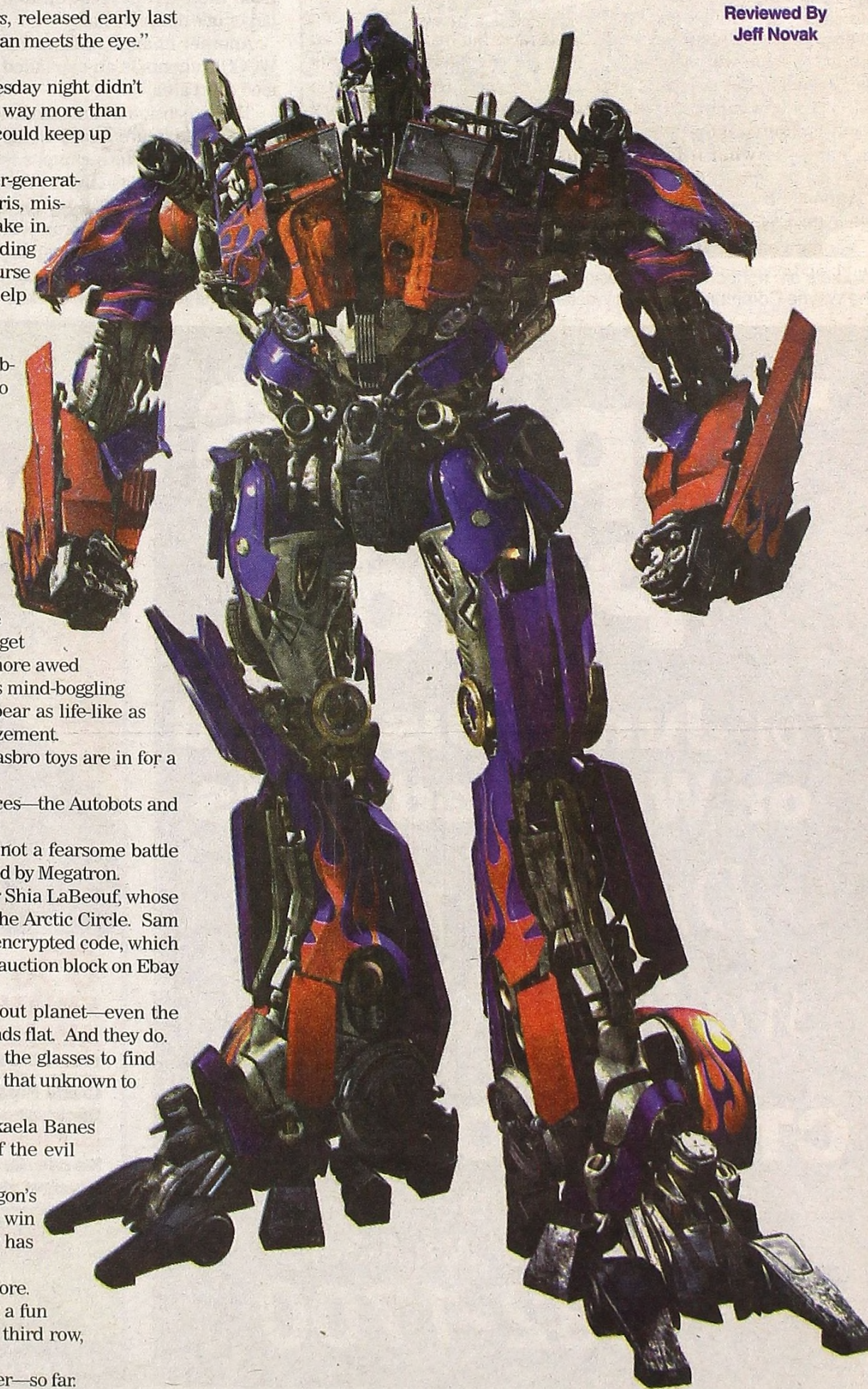
The Decepticons are armed with technology beyond anything on our planet—even the iPhone. They can hack into the Pentagon's computer system in 10 seconds flat. And they do. That leads them to Sam, through his Ebay account because they need the glasses to find Megatron. Fear not because Sam's new car, a beat-up old Chevy Camaro that unknown to him is Autobot Bumblebee, is sent to protect him.

Chases and fights and explosions ensue as Sam, his sexy friend Mikaela Banes (Megan Fox) and Bumblebee literally race to keep the glasses out of the evil robots' hands.

That raises the question: if the Decepticons can infiltrate the Pentagon's computer system, why couldn't they just use their technical prowess to win the Ebay bid for the glasses? It also makes me wonder if maybe Ebay has better system security than the U.S. government. Just a thought.

Transformers is a fun ride with some great special effects but little more. Fans of the animated version will be amazed and those looking for just a fun action movie are sure to love it. I suggest sitting further back than the third row, though.

So, "roll out," and enjoy what could be the biggest movie of the summer—so far.



LICENSE TO WED divorces all entertainment

Despite wedding Robin Williams to an uninspired script, *License to Wed* stands little hope of 'happily ever after.'

Billed as a romantic comedy, the film follows the antics of young lovers, Sadie (Mandy Moore) and Ben (John Krasinski) who dream of getting married. Although Ben dreams of a small wedding on a tropical beach somewhere, he bows good-naturedly to Sadie's wish to be wed in the church she attended while growing up.

There's a hitch in their plans to get hitched, however: The Rev. Frank (Robin Williams), who ministers at the church, requires all couples planning to marry within the church undergo marriage classes with him to help lessen the odds of a divorce. If they refuse or don't convince him that they are ready to cope with the challenges of life as a couple, he won't marry them. There's more to the reverend's classes than talking out opinions on family size, financial planning, and the role religion will play in the home, though. Instead, it serves as a sort of boot camp/ stress test to put pressure on the relationship and see what it takes to break it.

Although it may sound interesting, the script is, quite simply, bad—unoriginal, derivative, and bland. Audiences have seen most of these gags before and better

done, at that. Even worse, it commits the cardinal sin of comedies: it's not funny. The best, and arguably only, funny moments are shown in the preview. Frankly, I expected better from director Ken Kwapis, who was nominated for an Emmy for outstanding comedy while working on the television show *Malcolm in the Middle* and currently works on the television show *The Office*.

Although it seems a shame that Krasinski, who is better known for his role on *The Office*, selected a film has so little going for it as his first major movie role, both he and Moore managed to rise to the challenge and improve the film through sheer effort. The characters of Sadie and Ben spin straw into gold as they force the characters to become fun, interesting, and sympathetic and Moore and Krasinski stretch the film beyond the stilted script.

Williams doesn't. Sure, he tosses out glib one-liners and wisecracks but his heart just isn't in it. He says the right words, but it feels forced. He smiles, but it never reaches his eyes. He just looks tired—and like a man who just doesn't have the ambition needed to try and keep the faltering film from self-destructing. It's too bad because it's a role he could have played with panache if he had had more to work with than a character that is more car-



Reviewed By
Meghan Chatham

icature than multifaceted human.

Perhaps not surprisingly, Williams imbues the film with a strong sense of irreverence

toward everything, including religion. It startled me, for instance, to watch the reverend's Machiavellian plotting or find his secret stash of cheese curls in a

hollowed out Bible. Judging by the responses of some fellow theater patrons after the show, what some may find expected for a Williams film may be seen by others it as offensive, anti-religious, or downright blasphemous.

The bottom line is audiences might want to decline *License to Wed*—at least until it hits cable. With a running time of about 90 minutes, the film is rated PG-13 for sexual humor and language.

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Belleville, Van Buren receive early tax funds

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Wayne County has recognized that municipalities are facing some of the toughest economic times ever and, are in need of cash sooner rather than later. That's why Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Wayne County treasurer, put forth an extra effort to make sure delinquent property tax checks were mailed on June 29, according to officials.

Belleville received \$117,990.63; Sumpter Township, \$118, 117.10; Van Buren Township, \$1,285,757.81 and Van Buren Public Schools, \$819,115.06.

These checks reflect their respective

portions of the revenue collected from the 2006 delinquent real property taxes. This is the first time this has happened in the entire existence of the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF), officials said.

In past years, only Detroit received its portion by June 30, followed by out-county municipalities and other taxing entities, which did not receive their money until the end of July, according to officials.

"This is a credit to all the municipalities in returning their records to my office in a timely fashion and to my outstanding staff in making this happen," said Wojtowicz. "Everyone is short on money. This will help all the units of government whose budgets

have been under terrific pressure in the last few years."

The Wayne County Treasurer's Office has provided significant cash flow benefits to local units of government in the county through the DTRF, which was originally created by resolution of the County Board of Commissioners and is administered by the county treasurer. This fund enables local units of government that levy property taxes in the county, such as cities, villages, townships and school districts, to receive all of their property tax revenues in the fiscal year for which those taxes are levied, instead of having to wait until such property taxes are actually paid, which is sometimes

months or even years later.

The DTRF is funded with proceeds of tax anticipation notes sold annually. This year LaSalle Bank won the bid with a 24-month loan of a record-setting \$211 million, which Wojtowicz anticipates will be repaid within 15 months, according to officials.

During the 30 years of this program, the treasurer has borrowed nearly \$2 billion, has never missed an interest payment and, has paid off the notes on time or earlier. Out of this amount, the treasurer has turned over \$241 million to the general fund budget of Wayne County to help run county government and eliminate budget shortfalls, officials said.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 2, 2007

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, Parks Manager Mulkey, Attorney Kovinsky, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of seventeen (17).

Clerk Payne reminded the audience of the Township Rules of Conduct regarding public comments:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Clair moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of June 18, 2007 as presented. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2007 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A communication from the City of Ypsilanti for the assistance from the township with the funeral services of fallen Firefighter Ricky LaPensee.

The Third Edition of the book Water Under the Bridge written by Cathy Horste, Van Buren Township Historian and Diane Wilson, Van Buren Township Museum Director are available by pre-ordering and reserving a copy. Forms are available in the Clerk's Office and the Belleville Area Museum.

A communication from the Downriver Community Conference stating a partnership with the Senior Alliance for a transportation program to provide non-emergency medical transportation for seniors aged sixty and older. Eligibility is prioritized based on need and seniors residing in the thirty-four communities in the Senior Alliance service area. This service is for a limited time and reservations are required for more information contact the Downriver Community Conference at 734.362.7029.

On July 7th and July 8th the Wayne County Air Show "Thunder Over Michigan" will be held. Residents residing close to Willow Run Airport may pick up yellow stickers in the Public Safety Department to help maneuver through their neighborhoods during the Air Show.

Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, July 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Melvindale Ice Arena located at 4300 South Dearborn Street. For more information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at 734.326.3936.

On Saturday, August 11th there will be a Historical Barn Day Tour.

On Saturday, August 18th Wayne County Department of Environment and Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit is sponsoring a Computer/Computer Peripheral Waste Collection at Van Buren Township Hall from 8:00 a.m. to noon. For more information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at 734.326.3936.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Clair moved, Jahr seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of Ordinance 06-19-07 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to rezone a parcel of land known as V125-83-039-99-0009-014 from R-1B (Medium Density Residential) to C-1 (General Business) as regulated by PA (Public Act) 110 of 2006 §125.3405. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Clair, Rochowiak, Budd, Hart, Jahr, Payne and King. Nays: None. Absent and Excused: None. Carried.

*(A synopsis of Ordinance 06-19-07 follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Personal Services Agreement between Van Buren Township and Todd S. Knepper as DPW (Department of Public Works) Director and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the agreement between Van Buren

Township and McKenna Associates to prepare construction documents and specifications for Riggs Heritage Park Phase I located at 43275 Huron River Drive, at a cost not to exceed \$45,000 and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the reimbursement agreement between Van Buren Township and Wal-Mart Corporation for traffic signal maintenance and electricity costs [for traffic signal located on Belleville Road in front of the store]. Carried.

Clair moved, Budd seconded to approve permit application UT #6267633 M63107 07-635 by AT&T to install telecommunications infrastructure in the northerly portion of the Ecorse Road public right of way from Morton-Taylor Road east to the westerly edge of the ITC electric transmission corridor. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to approve the reappointments of Gerald Graf and Carl Pederson to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire June 1, 2010. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the DTE Utility Easement for relocation of electrical infrastructure for Fire Station #1 located at 45400 Hull Road and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk execute the agreement. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the June 19, 2007 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: On Wednesday, July 4th the Administrative Offices at Township Hall will be closed in observance of the Independence Holiday.

Clerk Payne announced the August 7, 2007 Board of Trustee Meeting and Work Study Meeting are canceled due to the Tuesday, August 7, 2007 Public Safety Election. Also, absentee ballot applications are available in the Clerk's Office. For additional voter information contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8909.

Manager Mulkey announced the following Parks and Recreation events. The Sizzlin' Summer Nights Concert Series begins Friday July 6th - Blue Steel, July 13th - Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band, July 20th - Gratitude Steel Band, July 27th - Belleville Community Band, August 3rd - Back Beats and August 10th - Stolen Moments. All concerts are held at Van Buren Park located on the South I-94 Service Drive and are from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A free golf clinic will be held on Monday, July 9th through Thursday, July 12th for participant's age twelve and over. For additional information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

Trustee Rochowiak thanked Director Ross for the fireworks held on June 23rd.

Trustee Jahr wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July and requested everyone to keep all the men and women in uniform in their thoughts and prayers over the holiday.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident expressed her thoughts regarding a police officer.

A resident made inquiries in regard to road conditions throughout the township. Supervisor King stated she had spoken to Commissioner McNamara recently regarding road conditions [roads in the township are under Wayne County jurisdiction].

A resident of the Homestead subdivision requested assistance with over grown lawns in her subdivision. Director Kelley explained the process and the requests are being handled.

An A.F.S.C.M.E. (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) member inquired if the Board had considered if a meeting could be held between the township and the union before the next meditation date. Supervisor King stated not yet, but she would be discussing this with township negotiation team.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC Township Clerk	Cindy C. King Township Supervisor
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SPORTS

Level up Football camp hones skills

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Ready for the Next Level?

Former Inkster resident and Dearborn Heights Robichaud football standout Jason Malloy hopes so. He will host his 4th Annual Next Level Football Camp next week, giving participants an opportunity to improve at all levels of their gridiron game.

Malloy, who spent his college years as a leading Bronco at Western Michigan University, now lives in Canton, teaches in Ypsilanti and is the special teams coordinator and running back coach at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School.

His Next Level camp is directed toward high school athletes. The camp provides young athletes the opportunity to develop fundamental football skills in a well-supervised, organized and enthusiastic environment, he said. The camp operates under the simple philosophy of giving each participant the finest instruction possible from a qualified staff in a fun atmosphere, according to Malloy.

"We're excited," he added. "This is a great opportunity for kids from all different cities to get

together and develop their skills. I'm trying to use this as tool to help get kids recruited."

To do that he has invited coaches from Division I, Division II, Division III, NAIA and JUCO colleges and universities to attend the event.

Areas of concentration include flexibility, running form and sprint technique.

"Our qualified staff will help each camper gain the maximum potential in his running ability," Malloy said. "Many campers will

experience a notable increase in speed and flexibility after attending the camp."

Malloy's long-time friend, former NFL University of Michigan and Robichaud running back

Tyrone Wheatley—also the new head football coach at Robichaud—will lend his skills to the camp as a coach and inspirational speaker.

Next Level is a non-contact camp so no helmets or pads are necessary but football cleats, gym shoes and mouth guard are required.

The camp will take place at Robichaud High School from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 20-21, rain or

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"This is a great opportunity for kids from all different cities to get together and develop their skills. I'm trying to use this as tool to help get kids recruited."

Gold Cup race returns for 99th year

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

There have been a lot of changes along Detroit's riverfront lately but one thing remains the same—it's still home to the century-old race known as the Gold Cup.

This weekend the American Power Boat Association (APBA) race will give new meaning to the term Motor City. The race features Unlimited hydroplanes that boast 3,000 horsepower engines and will race at speeds up to 200 mph, covering the length of a football field in less than a second.

Up for grabs is the legendary Gold Cup—hailed as the oldest trophy in motor sports history. Boats like "Miss Chrysler Jeep," an Unlimited Hydro Plane U-3 sponsored by Chrysler Jeep Superstores of Southeast Michigan, will hit the Detroit River racecourse for the three-

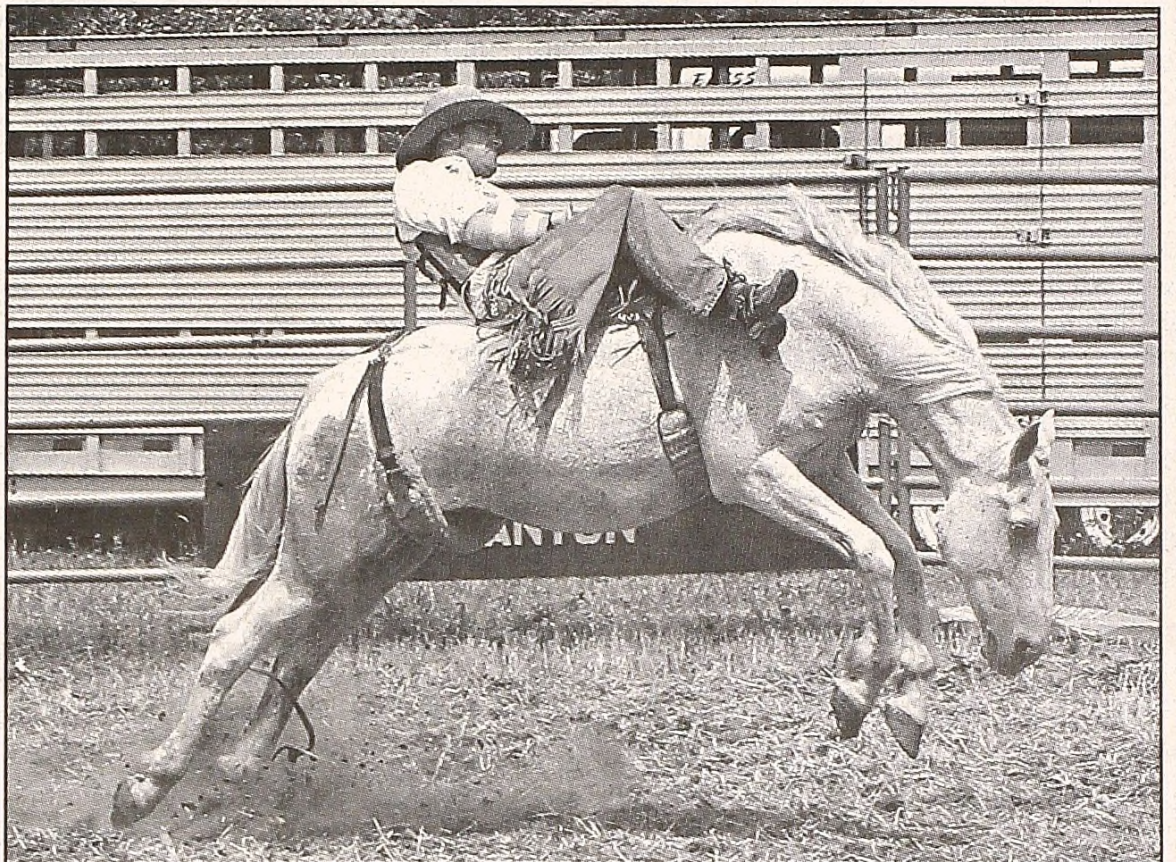
day event from July 13-15 in hopes of capturing the revered award.

"This year is the 99th running of the prestigious Gold Cup," said Jim Schebil, president of the Chrysler Jeep Superstores Advertising Association and president of Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep in Plymouth. "Chrysler Jeep Superstores are especially happy to be a part of another great weekend in downtown Detroit as the title sponsors. It's great to support exciting and fun-filled family entertainment events in Detroit."

The Detroit River racecourse, an oval course just north of the Belle Isle Bridge between the Roostertail Restaurant and the Detroit Yacht Club, is considered one of the most famous powerboat racecourses in the world.

"We're excited about the next 100 years of speed, power and tra-

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Horse play

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

Rodeo diehards and curious first-timers alike came to Crimboli's Nursery in Canton Township last weekend for a championship rodeo event. Spectators let out applause and gasps as athletes attempted to stay on bucking Broncs and bulls.

The Lazy W. Rodeo Company out of Ypsilanti produced the sanctioned Mid States Rodeo Association championship event.

On Saturday, a horse promptly bucked the first Saddle Bronc rider into the metal barriers and proved difficult to corral.

Mike Walden, one of the proprietors of Lazy W. Rodeo, was acting as a pick-up man in that event—one of the cowboys who reign in a loose horse after it has thrown a rider.

Walden lunged to grab the rope but was pulled down from his own horse.

"We need a pick-up man for the pick-up man!" exclaimed a rodeo clown.

Other events included Girls Barrel Racing, Bareback Riding, Steer Wrestling and Tie Down Roping.

World Series comes to Canton Township

Pack up the lawn chairs and lather on the sunscreen because it's that time of the year again.

The boys of summer are ready to hit the fields for the USSSA Boys World Series tournament. More than 2,800 baseball players will converge on Canton Township July 15-22. The tournament includes 100 teams from 10 different states.

The opening ceremony will

officially kick off the tournament at 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 15 and is free to all visitors and followed by an All-Star Welcome Party for all players and visitors sponsored by Canton Leisure Services and local vendors. The ceremony includes the parade of teams, the honor guard, national anthem and official first pitch.

Tournament play starts on Monday. Games start at 8 a.m.

daily and go all day. Admission for the tournament for adults ages 13 years and up is \$25 for the week or \$7 daily; children 7-12 years is \$20 week or \$5 daily; Seniors 65 and up are \$20 weekly or \$5 daily, while children six and under are free.

Check out World Series web information at csc.cantonmi.org or call tournament headquarters at (734) 394-5350 for the championship game time.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE 25, 2007
IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Councilman LeRoy Burcroff.
Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova.
Excused: Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFTA

1.Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-187

2. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meet-
ing of the Romulus City Council held June 11, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-188

3A. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to grant Judge Tina Brooks-Green the
authority to appoint Alan Hindman as the Emergency Magistrate of the 34th District
Court.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-189

3B. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to schedule a public hearing to be held in
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
48174 on Monday, July 9, 2007 at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of hearing objection to
the request of Detroit Newspaper partnership LLC, 6911 Metroplex, for an Industrial
Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-190

3C. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of
Tim Keyes, Economics Development Director and the request of the Petitioner,
Alternegy, LLC and adopt a resolution granting a ten (10) year Tax Abatement and
establishing a Wayne County Renewal Energy Renaissance Zone, on the northeast
corner of Wick and Middlebelt Roads for the purpose of constructing a biodiesel
facility. The land described by the legal description shall be included in the Renewal
Energy Renaissance Zone with various state, local and county taxes being waived for
new investment on the property for a period of ten (10) years beginning January 1,
2008 through December 31, 2017.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-191

4A. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the
family of Delores Witzgall.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-192

4B. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to adopt a resolution congratulating the
Reverend John and Linda Cole for their eight (8) years of ministering at the Union
Grove Baptist Church, located on Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-193

5A. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of
Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Tom Wilson, DPW Director to award Bid
06/07-22, for the removal of existing carpet and purchase and installation of replace-
ment carpet for the existing carpeted areas at Romulus Fire Station #4, to Douglas
Carpets, the lowest acceptable bidder in the amount of \$5,985.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-194

5B. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of
Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Fire Chief, David Allison, to award Bid
06/07-25, for the purchase of two extrication rescue tools and power units for the City
of Romulus Fire Department to the lowest bidder, West Shore Fire, Inc. in the amount
of \$25,106.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5C. No Action Taken by Council.

07-195

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-27:		FUND/DEPT.		
ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Expense				
101-1220-712.77-11	General Munc. Attorney	80,625	4,000	84,625
101-1220-712.77-12	Contractual Attorney	65,000	30,000	95,000
101-1220-712.77-13	Prosecuting Attorney	91,608	9,000	100,608
101-1220-712.77-14	Labor Relations Atty.	40,000	22,000	62,000
101-1220-712.77-15	Sp. Tax Council Atty.	10,000	30,000	40,000
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	2,319,794	(95,000)	2,224,794

To cover additional legal costs thru June 30, 2007 due to ongoing litigation.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-196

5E. Motion by Barden, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-28:		FUND/DEPT.		
ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
1) Major Roads Fund				
Expense				
202-4230-742.71-10	Winter Maint.-O.T.	9,000	1,519	10,590
202-4240-742.71-10	Ditching Maint.- O.T.	1,000	80	1,080
202-4210-742.71-10	Routine Maint.-O.T.	7,000	-1,670	5,300
Net effect to fund				

2) Local Streets Fund

Expenses				
203-4310-743.74-81	Routine Maint.Storm Drain Reconstruction	10,000	1,500	11,000
203-4310-743.77-39	Routine Maint.Engr.Fe	16,000	1,500	17,500
203-4330-743.77-10	Winter Maint.O.T.	12,550	-3,000	9,550
Net effect to fund				

1) To balance out Major Roads overtime accounts and 2) utilize unused Local
Streets winter maintenance overtime in routine maintenance expenses.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova,
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-197

5F. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-29:

FUND/DEPT.		CURRENT		AMENDED
ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
Genral Fund				
<u>Expense</u>				
101-3110-731.70-20	Police Salaries & Wages	3,932,718	72,000	4,004,718
	(POLC)			
101-3110-731.70-20	Police Salaries & Wages	4,004,718	88,153	4,090,871
	(POAM)			
101-3410-734.70.20	Fire Salaries & Wages	1,060,058	78,000	1,138,056
<u>Contingency</u>				
101-2920-729.89-01	Unallocated Contingencies	487,383	(236,153)	251,230

To re-allocate amounts budgeted in contingency for union contracts settled dur-
ing 06/07.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-198

5G. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-30: FUND/DEPT.

FUND/DEPT.		CURRENT	AMENDED
ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	BUDGET
101-1210.712.7242	Mayor Prescription Reimb	0	1,000
101-1310.713.72-40	Clerk Health Insurance	57,230	1,366
101-1310.713.72-42	Clerk Pres.Reimb.	0	1,000
101-1320.713.72-40	Election Health Ins.	10,221	866
101-1410.714.72-40	Treasurer Health Ins.	46,716	123
101-1410.714.72-42	Treasurer Presc.Reimb.	0	485
101-1410.714.72-50	Treasurer Dental Ins.	3,732	255
101-2110-721.72-40	Assessor Health Ins.	68,995	7,034
101-2110-721.72-42	Assessor Presc.Reimb.	0	500
101-2110-721.72-50	Assessor Dental Ins.	5,583	109
101-2310-723.72-40	Finance Health Ins.	85,140	1,000
101-2310-723.72-42	Finance Presc.Reimb.	0	450
101-3410-734.72-40	Fire Health Ins.	229,642	37,177
101-3410-734.72-50	Fire Dental Ins.	19,001	2,510
101-3810-738.72-50	Planning Dental Ins.	2,160	480
101-3910-739.72-40	Building Health Ins.	136,995	8,525
101-5120-752.72-40	Library Health Ins.	5,937	535
101-5120-752.72-50	Library Dental Ins.	407	22
<u>Contingency</u>			
101-2920-729.89-01	Unallocated Contingencies	251,230	(63,437)
			187,793

To re-allocate amounts budgeted in contingency for health & dental insurance
increases during 06/07.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-199

6A. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve second reading and final adop-
tion of Chapter 37, Article 1, Water and Sewer Ordinance to amend the City of
Romulus Code of ordinances by the adoption of a new Section 2 (a) (e) (f) (g) and (h)

SPORTS

Race

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“We’re excited about the next 100 years of speed, power and tradition in the Detroit powerboat racing, said Tom Bartolini, president of the Detroit River Regatta Association (DRRA). “The Detroit River is the epicenter of powerboat racing. It’s the grandest stage for fierce competitors vying for the oldest trophy in motor sports.”

The Gold Cup was first presented to C.C. Riote and his boat “Standard” in 1904 on the Hudson River in New York. He won the race at a blistering 23.6 mph. The boat “Miss Detroit”, driven by J. Milot and J. Beebe in 1915, was the first Detroit entry to win the award. Miss Detroit averaged less than 50 mph. The Gold Cup race first came to the Detroit River in 1916 and was won by Miss Minneapolis.

After World War I, Detroit automakers were producing powerful new engines and Detroit boat racer Gar Wood built just the right boats for them. He won five straight Gold Cups from 1917-1921.

Over the years speeds continued to

increase. In 1995 Chip Hanauer’s average speed was 149 mph and Jean Theoret, driver of the Miss Beacon Plumbing, U-37 boat won the Gold Cup at the speed of 142 mph, in 2006.

The Detroit River racecourse reigns as one of the oldest race sites in the world, hosting more than 80 races. In the old days the winner of the race picked the site of the next race. That changed in 1988 when a campaign was started to move the Gold Cup to Detroit permanently. The efforts paid off in 1990 when the APBA Board of Directors voted it through.

The three-day event features high-speed racing action from Grand National and 5-Liter Stock hydroplanes, Superlight Tunnels, Vintage and the Unlimited hydroplane boats. The weekend of events also includes live music on Saturday and Sunday.

The entry of eight Offshore Pro Series powerboats adds a new dimension to this year’s event.

“These will be the biggest boats to race on the Detroit River since the days of Gar Wood, and an exciting addition to the race week,” Bertolini said.

Offshore boats range from 39-44 feet in length and are powered by automotive or turbine engines up to 3,700 horsepower.

Camp

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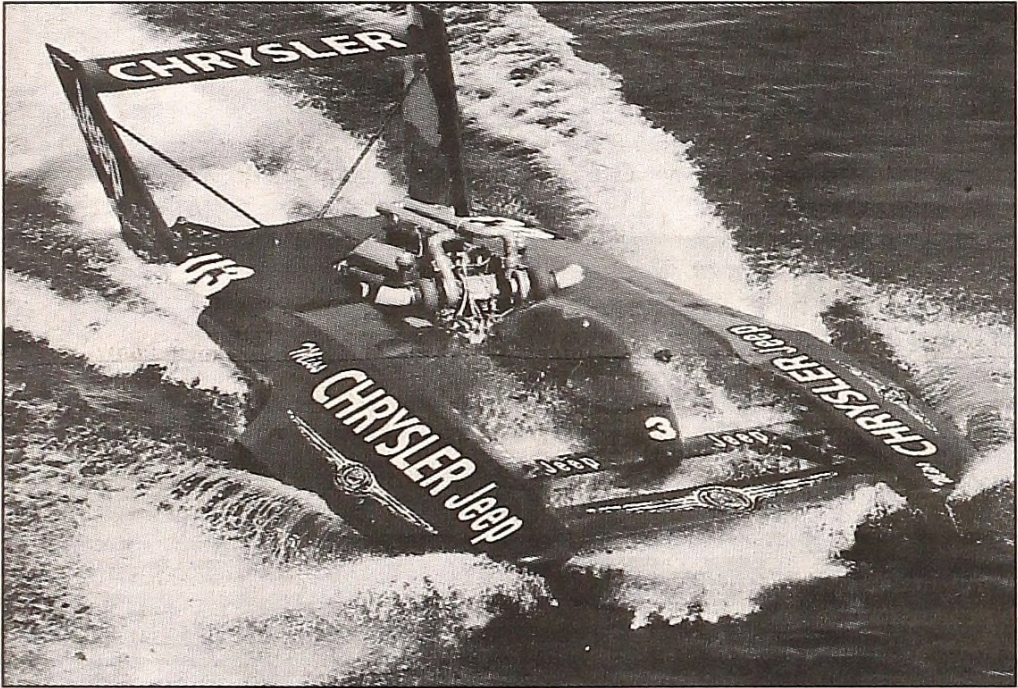
shine.

The cost is \$50 (cash or money order only—no personal checks). Included in the fee is a continental breakfast and lunch each day of camp.

The last day for registration is Monday, July 16 and can be done in person from 2-3:30 p.m. in front of Dearborn Heights Robichaud High School, located at 3601 Janet Ave. in Dearborn Heights, 48125.

Register by mail: ATT: Jason A. Malloy (Next Level Camp), P.O. BOX 1034, Garden City, MI 48134.

For more information go to www.nextlevel55.com or contact Jason Malloy at (313)-283-6172 or at jmalloy@nextlevel55.com.



“Miss Chrysler Jeep,” an Unlimited Hydro U-3, will race in the 2007 Chrysler Jeep Superstores Detroit APBA Gold Cup event held July 13-15 on the Detroit River near Belle Isle.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Romulus Bid No. 07/08-01
OHM Job No. 0155-04-0262

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, RPO Grant City of Romulus

Sealed Bids for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, RPO Grant will be received at the office of the City of Romulus until 2:00 pm local time, on July 19, 2007, by the office of the City Clerk located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174. The approximate quantities of major items of work involved are as follows:

41 Grout Repairs, 36 Lateral Repairs, 100 feet of 10” Vitrified Clay Sanitary Sewer, 220 feet of Herbicide Root Control, and associated restoration.

The Contract Documents for this project are on file and may be examined on and after 1:00 pm, July 9, 2007, at the following locations: the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz, & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150; area offices of McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge Reports, 20475 Woodingham, Detroit, MI 48221; Reed Construction Data at www.reedpr.com; the Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), 43636 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-3204; Construction News Service of Michigan at www.michiganconstruction.net; and City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

Copies thereof may be obtained on or after 1:00 pm, local time, July 9, 2007, at the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

The OWNER reserves the right to accept any Bid, reject any Bid, or waive irregularities in Bids.

Linda Choate, City Clerk
City of Romulus

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er.

“We look at the Gold Cup as the pinnacle of boat racing and we are proud to bring our Offshore boats to the most historical race course in boat racing,” said Tom Abrams of Canton, owner and driver of 39-foot catamaran, “Reliable Carriers, Inc.”

“The Unlimited hydroplanes and our Offshore Pro Series boats are very different but we hope to compliment the main race event and to bring our fans and support Detroit,” he added. “It is a little bit like having both Indy and NASCAR at the same event.”

The weekend’s events start at 8 a.m. on Friday with Unlimited testing and qualifying and runs through Sunday with the Gold Cup finale scheduled for 3:30 pm. Tickets range from \$10-\$200.

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to include and providing for updates in the State Statute and testing of Backflow Prevention Assemblies; and to provide penalties for violation thereof.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-200

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to schedule a study session to be held in Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on Monday, July 2, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Electronic Council packet.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-201

6A3. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of the Advisory Appointment Committee and approve the following reappointments:

Environmental Protection Board: Carl Brooks
Term to expire 06/25/2010
Catherine Morse
Term to expire 06/25/2010

Zoning Board of Appeals: Dan Bussard
Term to expire 06/30/2010
Sheldon Chandler
Term to expire 06/30/2010
Kenneth Mientkiewicz
Term to expire 06/30/2010

Construction Board of Appeals: Alex McCraight
Term to expire 06/25/2012
Frederick Hay
Term to expire 06/25/2008
Sheldon Chandler
Term to expire 06/25/2009
Jerry Grishaber
Term to expire 06/25/2009
Phillip Franklin
Term to expire 06/25/2010
Alternate: Gary Staffeld
Term to expire 06/26/2010

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-202

11. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 07-12 in the amount of One Million, Two Hundred, Ninety Thousand, Six Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and One Cent (\$1,290,678.01).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crova to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Linda R. Choate, CMC ,
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 25, 2007.

Linda R Choate, Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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1. Obituaries



CONLEY, James P. Sr., age 56, died June 13, 2007. He was preceded in death by 3 sisters, Rosa Lee Porter, Greta Conley and Inez Simmons. James leaves to cherish his memory a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Services were held at New Birth Baptist Church in Inkster, MI, with Rev. Mario Smith officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



FOSTER, Elester Ray Crenshaw, age 60, died June 29, 2007. Ray was preceded in death by both his mother Nona and his brother Oliver. He leaves to cherish his memory, ex-wife Jackie, their daughter Carmen; two grandchildren, Ahpree and Juan; brothers, Eugene, Earl Jr., Ronald, Ricky, Darrell and sisters, Debra, Jacqueline and Latonya; sister-in-law Linda; nieces, Atia and Rasheeda; nephews, Nkrumah, Atiba and Milik; and many other relatives and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Willie Cooper officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



HENSLEY, Aletha Michelle, age 43, died June 26, 2007. She leaves to cherish her memory her loving and devoted mother, Annie Harris; her birth mother, Barbara Evans; sister, Theresa (Harvis, Sr.); brother, Jerry (Valerie); sister-in-law, Vernell; nephews, Jerry (Claudine), Thomas Jr. (Latasha), Harvis Jr. (Morgana), Brian, Eric Sr. (Flecia); nieces, Vernita (Jake Sr.), Evelyn (Erick), Erica, Vershena; uncle, J.W.; special cousin, Robert III; god-sister, Denise Edwards;

godson, Jarvis Turner; special friends, Alisa, Kim, Merica, Toya and Sherri, and a host of relatives and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Minister Mathis Whitfield officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

HUDICK, Alice M., age 81 of Romulus, died July 4, 2007. Dear Mother of John (Sandra) Hudick, Barbara (Angelo) Panetta and Janice M. (Terry Adams) Overmyer. Grandmother of 4 and great grandmother of 4. Sister of Charles Domigan, William (Betty) Domigan, Betty (Ed) Hunt and Rose (Troy) Horde. Alice was preceded in passing by her husband John Hudick, parents John and Nina (Russ) Domigan, brothers John and Paul Domigan and sister Mary Montgomery. Services were held at Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Rd., Romulus (734) 941-9200. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Memorials to Romulus Animal Shelter or Romulus Senior Center. Please sign guestbook at www.cranefuneralhome.net



PORTER, Henderson Jr., age 88, died June 18, 2007. His calm gentle voice will be missed by his wife Connie; daughter, Toni; sons, Benny Lee, Donnell and Michael; twelve grandchildren; sisters, Lucille (Marvin) and Lorine; brother, Frank (Dorothy) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Pastor James Love officiating. Interment was at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Ypsilanti, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

STEEN, Ronald M. July 2, 2007 age 59 of Canton. Beloved father of Jason (Suzie), Eric and Keri. Dear son of Carl and the late Verna. Grandfather of Nathan, Joseph, Alex and Caitlin. Brother of the late Karen. Services were held

at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Family requests memorials to Bova V.F.W. Post #9885. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com



WASHINGTON, Ida Mae, age 81, died June 21, 2007. Ida was an Oakwood Hospital retiree. She leaves to cherish her precious memory three daughters, Barbara Holbrook, Catherine Rucker and Sharon Metoyer (James); granddaughter, SuAlyn Holbrook; grandson, Derrick Rucker; two cousins, Ruth Neal of Portland, OR, and Royal Ann Ledbetter (Washington DC); brother-in-law, Earl Holbrook (Ypsilanti, MI; lifetime girlfriends, Martha Parham (Nevada) and Allean Butler (CA) and a host of relatives and friends. Services were held at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in Westland, MI with Pastor John Duckworth officiating. Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



WATKINS, Grady L., age 72, died June 28, 2007. He leaves loving memories with his two sisters, Alice Thompson and Barbara Jean Hosch of N.C.; four children, Grady L., Loretta L., Kenneth P. and John A., as well as a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral and interment was at Knollwood Park in Canton, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

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58. Garage and Yard Sales

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59. Auctions

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on July 25, 2007 at 11:00am at:

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Romulus, MI 48174

1992 Ford
2FAPP36X8NB188455

2000 Ford
1FMRU1660YLA55907

1995 Plymouth
1P3ES47665D266170

1997 Dodge
1B4GP44R1VB403049

2001 Mercury
1MEFM5571G645872

1998 Ford
1FMZU34E8WUD13796

1992 Saturn
1G8ZK5476NZ221041

Please Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges

AUTO AUCTION
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Wed., July 25, 2007
9:00AM

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JT3AC12R1M0060991

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2A8GF78X87R362724

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2MEBM74F9HX619499

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1MELM6240VH635408

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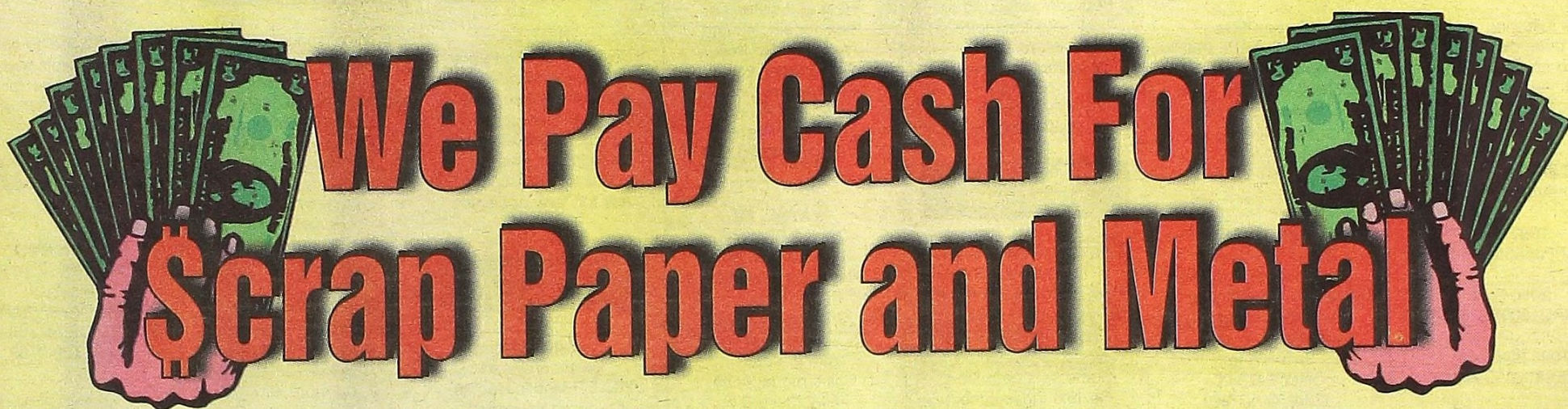
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